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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 10791

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: CH, GW, UR, EEWT, EINV, ESTC  
SUBJECT: CHINESE INQUIRY ABOUT POSSIBLE FRG SIBERIAN  
INVESTMENT

1. WITHIN PAST SEVERAL DAYS, PRC DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE  
POSED QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN BREZHNEV  
VISIT TO SIBERIA AND SOON THEREAFTER TO THE FRG. AT  
MAY 12 DINNER PARTY, CHINESE FIRST SECRETARY CHEN HSIEN-YU  
ASKED EMBOFF ABOUT CONNECTION IN CONTEXT OF TIMING.  
EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT BREZHNEV VISIT HAD BEEN PLANNED  
SOME TIME AGO BUT NEEDED TO BE POSTPONED FOR HEALTH  
REASONS. SIBERIA VISIT CONSIDERATIONS PROBABLY POSTDATED  
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ORIGINAL PLANNING FOR FRG VISIT.

2. JAPANESE DIPLOMAT INFORMS US THAT CHINESE EMBOFF  
GRILLED HIM ON THIS SUBJECT BUT EXPANDED HIS QUERIES INTO  
AREA OF POSSIBLE LARGE-SCALE FRG INVESTMENT IN SIBERIA.  
JAPANESE DIPLOMAT RESPONDED THAT THE ECONOMIC DOCUMENT  
SIGNED IN BONN WAS TOO BROAD AND IMPRECISE TO CARRY MUCH

REAL MEANING AND THAT DECISIONS ABOUT WHETHER TO INVEST IN SIBERIAN PROJECTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE BY FRG FIRMS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND ON BASIS OF ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS. THE SOVIETS, ON THEIR PART, WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE TO DRAW THE GERMANS INTO LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS, AS THEY HAD ATTEMPTED TO DO WITH THE JAPANESE IN TYUMEN.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS AS THOUGH PRC DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PURSUE INFORMATION ON POSSIBILITY OF FRG INVESTMENT IN SIBERIA. SUCH INVESTMENT, IF IT DID COME ABOUT, COULD HAVE STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE. THE CHINESE MAY ALSO BE CONCERNED THAT IN THE COMMERCIAL FIELD IT COULD INVOLVE FRG RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE GO TO CHINA. TOON

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